Non-reservation of seats for females in transport buses.

84. ✻MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Vaikam* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are inconveniences consequent on the non-reservation of seats for females in transport buses?

MR. K. SANKARAN: Government are not aware of any such inconveniences.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI (*Karunagapally* cum *Karthikapally*): May I know whether the Government Member has ever travelled in a Transport Bus?

MR. K. SANKARAN: Yes, I have.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know whether Government will make arrangements so that some of the responsible officers may travel in Transport Buses?

MR. K. SANKARAN: I believe that even now responsible officers of the Transport Department are travelling in Transport Buses?

Public Examination for Middle School students.

85. ✻MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have decided to hold a public examination for Middle School students for admission to High School; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the reasons for holding a new examination?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The institution of a Public Examination at the end of Form III has been decided on mainly to regulate promotions from Form III to the High School Classes.

MR. VARKALA K MADHAVAN: May I know the purpose of regulating promotion of students?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: The promotion of students is to be regulated with a view to maintain a proper standard for the E. S. L. C. Examination.

Pensions during 1114.

86. ✻MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the amount spent on pensions during 1114?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN (*Financial Secretary to Government*) Reference is invited to pages 161 and 165 of the Audit Report and Appropriation Accounts for 1114 supplied to the Honourable Members.

Statement, by caste, of the persons appointed in the Transport Department.

87. ✻MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the persons appointed as conductors, drivers and cleaners in the Transport Department from Chingom 1115 to the 20th Mithunam, and the respective number in each of these sections appointed from among the backward communities?

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